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Subject: Automatic Eligibility for Free Meals in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)  
for Participants in the Head Start Program

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH,  
(Child Nutrition Programs) Montana OPI, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,  
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming DHSS

This is an addendum to our SP-95-09 and CACFP-427 memorandum regarding automatic eligibility for free meals for participants in the Head Start Program. As you know our original memorandum set forth procedures for implementation of automatic eligibility determinations for Head Start participants to receive free meals without further application through the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Special Milk Program and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

This policy is being extended to the SFSP in limited situations. Effective September 25, 1995, income-eligible Head Start participants are automatically eligible to participate in the SFSP when the SFSP sponsoring organization has documentation of enrollment of income-eligible Head Start participants provided and certified by the Head Start office. Examples of situations in which this provision could be implemented include: a school food authority sponsoring the SFSP that uses automatic eligibility for Head Start enrollees for school feeding programs, a community action agency that operates several programs including the SFSP and Head Start, or a local government entity that operates Head Start during the school year and sponsors the SFSP during the summer.

Please refer to our SP-95-09 or CACFP-427 memorandum for information on documentation and verification for Head Start enrollees. If you have any questions on this policy, please contact our office.



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